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PROPOSAL, &c.

Since this Nation cannot be ignorant that we of the Faithful Honest Party for many years last past, have wasted our Patrimonies, have sat up whole nights, and myriads of nights, swearing, and imousing, and drinking, and soaking in Sack and in Ale, both raw and butter'd; all which we did upon design to promote the Common Good: And since it is apparent, that many of us have no reward for these most meritorious Services, insomuch that our great spreading Plumes are shrivell'd, and moulder'd into one single yard of 4 d. Ribbon; that our Pockets instead of money are fain to hold the dirty scraps of Bread and Cheese; that our Swords, like the dreadful Weapon of Captain *Besher*, are by our *Enemis* meekly eaten up into knives, that our Cloaths in general are so bedaubed with distillations from the Pint-pot, that they smell more strong then a Brewers Apron: We out of an Heroick Indignation can no longer patiently endure these most ungodly persecutions, but humbly implore, that the means hereafter proposed may be listned and yielded to, that there may be some Alleviation of our miseries, and that we may once more be restored to our transcendent Nobilitating Elements of Sack and Ale, whereby our drooping Spirits will be again set afloat, to the utter confusion of all the Small-Beer Presbyterians, Asabaptists, Fifth-Monachy-men, and Quakers, and of all the Coffee-drinking-Commonwealthsmen, and Harringtonians.

Our Proposal and Petition is, That whereas this Nation through our affidous endeavours does now abound with the Honourable Gentle Qualities of drinking, swearing, whoring, cheating, &c. no person for the future may indulge either his pleasure or profit, by exercising himself in any of them, unless he has a special Warrant or License by some eminent Assembly of us met to this purpose, under the notion and title of Commissioners, &c. Which Commissioners being to be composed of eight or ten of those Daxme-blades, who own the profession of the Sword, as many Cheats and Broken Gamesters of any common Dicing Ordinary, with some of the rank Flesh-flies and Smell-Smocks, and other strong Drunkards of the Town, shall have power under the Farm-rent of 200000 l. per annum to the State, to make every man compound according to the rates here under specified, for his particular liberty to drink, whore, swear, lye and cheat, and all other like extravagancies.

That such a number of Commissioners being found out and nominated, may be authorized to set up one publick Office at the — — Tavern in Covent-Garden, or elsewhere, with power to constitute under-Officers, as Registers, Clerk, Porter, &c. and that the said Commissioners may have a common Seal, known by the name of *The Great Seal of the Commissioners and Farmers of the Liberty of having no Conscience*, engraven either with a *Die Swarant*, or a *Tongue Swarant*, or a *Meath Spwan*, or a *Plush-coat Pawner*; it matters not which; and with this Motto, *Lucr'i bonus odor exire Qualibet*.

here under specified.

Rates to be observed in all Compositions for Liberty of having no Conscience.

	per annum.
For Liberty to swear in general.	06 00 00
For grand thundering Oaths in particular.	04 00 00
For small mimical Oaths: as when we swear by our Honor, or Virginity, or Truth, or Reputation, or Honesty, or Conscience, or Faith: or by any such abstracted Notional Fiction, which never was, nor never will be in esse.	02 00 00
For Cursing in general.	05 00 00
For fine small ingenious Curses.	01 00 00
For loud Curses.	04 00 00
For Imprecations, as, <i>God damn my Soul, the Devil suck my Soul through a Tobacco-Pipe, &c.</i>	03 00 90
For Congratulations when friends meet, and say, <i>God confound your Soul (Dick) for a Son of a Whore; how dost do? When didst thou see Miss Susan at the sign of the ——</i>	04 00 00
For the priviledge of Lying or Romancing.	05 00 00
For being drunk with Sack.	02 00 00
For being drunk with Ale, (Unless with Cock-Ale, or China-Ale)	09 00 00
For a License to compile & sing gross baudy songs.	02 00 00
For lying with common Park whorers.	03 00 00
For debauching Citizens Wives, &c.	06 00 00
For belying honest Women, saying, That such a Lady loves me, and such a Lady gave me so many pair of Silk Stockins, or such a Ring, or such a Suit of Lac'd Linnen, or so much money for satisfying her Appetite.	12 00 00
For the priviledg of being a rank Cheat in general.	20 00 00
For Dodging at Cards in particular, as, for Cutting or Shuffling with a broad Card, or a smooth Card, or a crooked Card.	02 00 00
For a Liberty to play at Cribbage, or Putt, and one and thirty with six or seven Cards.	02 00 00
For Slurring, or Knapping, or striking a Die out of hand.	04 00 00
For Palming and Fingering a Die.	03 00 00
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For holding one or two Dice at the top of a Dice Box, which we Gamesters call Topping.	04	00	00
For having our consent to use all sorts of false Dice, as <i>Quater Deux aces, Cinq tray aces, Sixte quater Deux aces, Bar size aces, bigh Fullams, low Fullams, &c.</i>	05	00	00
For priviledge to borrow money upon Parol, with an honest intention never to pay.	04	00	00
For a Liberty to baffle a young Coxcomb out of his money, or Watch, or so.	03	00	00
For the precious faculty of borrowing a Cloak of a Civil Person, under pretence of rainy Weather, or foul Linnen, with a resolution to pawn it at the nex ^t Brokers.	02	00	00
For a priviledge to break any oath or promise whatsoever, upon any motiue or consideration.	01	00	00
For making it a common practice to retreat out of Taverns with sword in hand, promising to pay next time.	02	00	00
For common bilking of a bawdy house when money is gone, and no Dinner to be had anywhere else.	01	06	03
For making it a practice to kiss women in the street when a sudden drunken motion pricketh forward.	01	00	00
For having a Liberty to huff up and down, and pretend to Land and Estate, talking of Tenants, Rents, Servants, Horses, Dogs, &c.	05	00	00
For having a liberty to drop shillings in the street, thereby to draw in silly Prentices and Country Fellows to be chous'd of their single money.	01	00	00
For liberty to set up or hold a Leaguer or society of Band, Whore, & Helltor; such as we see represented in the Comedy called, <i>The Knav in Grain.</i>	10	00	00
Item, For a Liberty to Coyn, or take a Purse, when money is to be gotten no other ways.	20	00	00

That immediately Proclamation may be made, That all Helltors, Low-Country-Captains, Broken Citizens, Gentlemen of the High-way, Cheats, Drunkards, Swearers, Cursers, Wenchers, Liars, &c. shall appear before the said Commissioners at the place appointed as aforesaid, and there compound according to the precedent rates, for their illegal and unchristian ways of profit, pleasure, and vain glory.

That as the said Commissioners shall have power to assesse the said Rates on.

priviledges; so when any of the Brethren are fallen into adversity, they shall have authority to allow a competent sum to any of them, for a *Radix*, or *primum suum Saliens* to their future Fortunes.

That in some Cases the Commissioners shall have liberty to gratifie and reward the Gallantillo's for any notable Action done, so it come within the limits of their inspection.

Rewards for brave and Generous Actions.

As where a man drinking the Kings Health, flings his Hat in the fire, though the Hat be worth but 2 s. 6. d.

Item, Where the Fort being known to be full of most consuming Wild-fire, is yet enter'd by some Eager-courag'd man.

Item, Where a man in Cupids Bittels has lost the use of his Limbs, and has his Nose Moth-eaten with the *Lues Venerea*.

Item, Where a Gentleman kills any Sergeant or Bayliff; (which Generation in all future times shall be by us accounted as *Woolfesbod, qui gerunt Capita Lupina.*)

Item, Where a company of Swa-shado's beat the Watch.

Item, Where a man inspir'd with Bacchanalian fury breaks the windows of a whole street.

Item, If he do it with his hands, and his hands are cut with the Glass.

Et ubi eadem est ratio, ibi erit eadem Lex.

That no man be admitted to compound for having no Conscience as above-said, before he hath subscribed the solemn Protestation following:

I. A. B. do hereof myl protest, that I judge my self bound, as I am a Gentleman well descended, not to yield myself a Captive to the Jaws of Poverty, nor to attend the leisure or delay of any honest imployment, but rather to cheat, rob, or Hellfire, or plough my maintenance out of the lust of any loose Woman, whether she be Maid, Wife or Widow, of the City or Country. That as I am a good Orthodox Commonwealths-men, I am obliged to keep up the Honourable Customs of drinking, swearing and smacking, and to confound all vile Fanatics with th: fierce Gunpowder of Swelling Oaths, and with most pregnant mickle courage drawn from the operation and energy of Sack: And though I do intend to carry a pretty plausible Gentle Outside, yet my Resolutions are, for ever to banish the thoughts of Real Honour, or Conscience, or Religion, as mere fantastical Idea's, and Chimical Notions superi' nos, and so nihil ad nos.

Also I do believe, that the Constitution of th: Honourable Society of Commissioners, is very agreeable to our present necessities; and that 'tis therefore grounded on Reason superi' amount to that of any positive Law, and so ought inevitably to be observed.

That

That no person taking this Protestation, and compounding as aforesaid, shall be questioned for any of the precedent Misdemeanors in any Court Spiritual or Temporal; but shall be discharged upon proof made of the said Composition, *On our Monstrous d' Escrip' Smtb Seal del dls Commissioners*.

That Letters Congratulatory may be sent to the Pope, to certifie the actual approbation of the English for his taking tribute from the Stews; seeing that upou the same grounds is built the Superstructure of this Honorable Assembly of Commissioners, &c. with the Revenue and Profits accredwing to the State thereby.

That no Common Players (truly so called) be obliged or compelled to compound according to the Rates aforesaid, because they were long ago virtually incorporated into this Society by the Statute.

That if any man fear to be Rebbed, or Cheated, or to have his Wife whord, &c. in case he repair to the said Commissioners, they shall execute the Office of *Mal Cut-purse*, and for a small sum of money shall secure him, by good pledges, from any such los or damage.

That for the future no person or persons, having compounded as aforesaid, shall be branded with any names of ignominy or scandal, as heretofore; but that such as are common Hectors, Cheats, Padders, or Coiners, shall be called, *Ingenious Persons that live by their Wits*: and such as are notorious Sots and Drunkards, shall be characteriz'd to be *Good well-measing honest Fellows*: and such as are grand Horners and Fornicatores, shall modestly be termed, *Amorous Persons*: and those who are given to lying, shall be called *Romancers or Historians*.

That if any man who has compounded as aforesaid, loose 3 s. 6. d. at any Gaming Ordinary, it shall be lawful for him to look fowre, and curse exceedingly, and swear to the next man he meets, that he has lost 5 l. and to the next man, that he has lost 10 l. and to the next man, that he has lost 20 l. and so under pretence of the said fictitious los, to thrust along with any Company into a Tavern, and come off Scot-free.

That the Commissioners shall and may appoint several private Committees at confiding, Ale-houses, &c. to give in intelligence of young Novices and Bubbles, that have no more wit or brains then to be cheated; what sums of money are moving upon the Road; what City Madams there are of easie wanton inclinations; what Taylors and Tradesmen are gifted with a *Plerophoria*, or fulness of Faith; where is the best Liquor, be it Wine, Ale, Cyder, Chocolatta, &c.

That it being the misfortune of many Hectors, Drunkards and Leachers, who pretend to sufferings for Loyalty, to grow poor, so that their Coats (whether Plush or Cloth) their Horses, Watches, Rings, Swords, Boots, with other Vestments, Appendants, and Appurtenances, were fain to be Mortgaged in Ale-houses, in Taverns, and Brokers Wardrobes; there may be so much money immediately deposited bythe State as will redeem them; to the end that such worthy Personages may no longer look like the Epitomes of a Sh p-wreck, or old-hatcht Hilt, here a spot of Silver; and there a spot of Rust.

That it shall not be lawful for any Door-keeper at a Play-house to deny entrance to such persons as have compounded as aforesaid; in case any one of the persons swear *God Damnes* with a clear and audible voice eight times; and also in case he call the said Door-keeper *Son of a Whort*, and kick him one and twenty times.

That the Commissioners and their Composition-men may have free privilege to babble, out-talk, out-swear, and out-face any of those Maidly mean-souled people whom they call Fanaticks, or any who dares mention the word Conscience, or pronounce a Text of Scripture in their company: that in case any one persist in such babble or impertinence, they may lawfully kick or stab him: or upon the most moderate terms spit or throw a glass of drink in his faces; and so with solemn censure excommunicate him out of the pale of their Society.

That the said Commissioners may be licensed to hold this following Opinion as probable and Orthodox: *Videlicet*:

That Satan being nothing else but a certain Accumulation or Primitive stock of Evil, whatsoever wickedness is perpetrated by Mortals, must necessarily be a sub-straction from his Essence; and the more men sin and transgress, the more they diminish and spend upon his substance; till at length when their concupiscential sprung Natures have suck'd up all iniquity, it is impossible there should any Devil be left at all, in regard he will be totally devor'd, devor'd up, and excommunicat.

And that, upon this sublime consideration, the said Commissioners and their Proscrites may be lookt upon as friends to Religion, because they take the readiest course to vanquish and annihilate her oddest and greatest Antagonist.

That in case all, or the most essential part of these Proposals are not granted us: our credits with Taylors and Taverns will be clearly bankrupt; and our wants having bereav'd us both of our Peaswigs and Linnen, Nature, Necessity and Desperation, will oblige us to grow sullen and Religious; and to fall into some melancholy Sect, like that of the Quakers, wholly opposite to Hectorizing, and most Antipodian to the Town Gallantry: in which condition, 'tis very probable we shall become Factious, and shall study bitter Invidious, and dangerous Principles against the Government, &c.

That therefore we ought to be considered, and our Proposals yielded to, not only in regard of services past, but of inconveniences to come. And we furthermore promise, That whatsoever we do, within the limits aforesaid, shall all be unto Loyal ends, as far as the nature of things will permit: so that when we drink our liquor with a *gusto*, when we cheat, or coyn, or take a Purse; when we kiss, embrase, hug, and —— to an high extacie of pleasure; when we swear like Gentlemen of Rank, Curse, Damn, Sipk, take our Swinges in all manner of Rants, carnalities and detachments, though we enjoy the sensual earthly part of them, yet shall we ever dedicate the pure notional abstracted Idea's of them to the prosperity of that glorious Interest, for which (in the Battels of Cupid and Bacchus) we have so long contended. And we shall always endeavur to blast the thin attenuate Souls of the Fanaticks, with the strong blightane of Sack and Tobacco, which does furnish a powerful mixture and coagulation sic in between our jaws. Nor will we be temts in Arising by all means imaginable to explode the Heretical Opinion in the Politicks, called Democracy, as a Device which we find to be built upon inconsistent contradictory Foundations, v. z. Rotation and the Balance: For upon saufisible experience we know, that when Rotation is in the Head or Brain, there can be no balance in the heels.

Finally if nothing else will avail, we will compare to lime, and pig, on the fire, which lies tak'd up in these mischievous Embers of Civil Disputation. Nor do we care though they make a great Hisse when we hiss so about it, because the said Embers being totally extinguisht, we do propole to our selves to dance and tumble, and frolique it in the ashes.

